aside, and inattentive ; but it is only that it may seize him. with a more powerful grasp in the state of exhaustion that follows. When the plots of cunning and deceit arc successful, it may look as if God did not observe human affairs ; but when the dishonest man Is caught at last, lie finds it to be in toils which have for years been weaving for him, Napoleon, on his march to Moscow, concluded that ho could command his destiny ; but when the nations of Europe, alarmed at his ambition, shut him up in St. Helena, every one saw that his destiny had, Instead,, been all the time carrying him along, as the stream bears upon its surface the bubbles which its waters had formed. It not unfrequently happens that every opposing power, which the wicked thinks he has°crushcd, rises up to pursue and punish him, when the tide of fortune is turning against him. Every drop of that cup of bitter elements which lie has been filling for others, lie must drink himself when lie has filled up the measure of his iniquities. The fagots which he has been collecting for the destruction of others all go to augment the ilamo of his own funeral pile. The drunkard is not more certainly haunted by the frightful apparitions culled up by the disease winch follows excess, than crime is "pursued by its avenging spirits. There is, if we may HO speak, a gathering and dosing in at (ho deafly and that to behold his ngnnies and humiliation, of all the powers which have been in scattered scent and pursuit of him, through- out the whole hunting-ground of his career. It is affirmed of the drowning man, that in the brief space of time that premies unconsciousness, every event of his past life passes in rapid review before bin eyes ; and there is certainly something of this hurrying in the avenging emits, all having a connexion wi(h his past life, which God crowds on one another to

make the ambitious, the proud, and malignant, discover that lie has all along been ruling their destiny.

Now, combine these two classes of facts, the apparent distance of (Jod, and yet his nearness intimated in various ways, his seeming unconcern and yet constant watchfulness; and wo see only one consistent conclusion which can be evolved, that God regards man as a criminal, from whom he must withdraw himself, but wlwrn he must not allow to escape.

An individual, we .may suppose, has committed a horrible crime, when intoxicated, and is committed to prison while yet